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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: WAKAHARA et al (as Amended)

Entitled: THERMOSTAT MALFUNCTION DETECTING SYSTEM FOR ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☒ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons: Tatsuya OKA**

77 pages of specification and claims (including 36 numbered claims), and  
29 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 40.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
08-336579	Japan	17/December/1996
08-344749	Japan	25/December 1996
09-283208	Japan	16/October/1997

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on December 11, 1997 in prior appln. no. 08/988,907 filed December 11, 1997☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/359,266, filed February 6, 2003, the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ The prior application is assigned to DENSO CORPORATION, Japan, .☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the **attached** preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee				\$	770.00
Total effective claims	3	- 20 (at least 20) =	0	x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 (at least 3) =	0	x \$ 86.00	\$ 0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 770.00
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Sir:

**PETITION**

It is respectfully requested that the below named inventor be deleted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(b). The inventor to be deleted is:

**Tatsuya OKA**

The above named inventor is being deleted because the inventor's invention is not being claimed in the above-referenced divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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